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I saw Carl Humelsine this morning about various personnel matters, ~~and~~ then attended the usual morning meeting in the Secretary's office.

Had a talk with Bob McBride regarding the Tunisian situation, which it seems I should later discuss with Ambassador Bonnet.

Diego Suarez called. He is Minister Counsellor of the Colombian Embassy, and occasionally comes down from New York.

Jack McCloy telephoned me. He is anxious to have instructions at once as to how far he should push the claims of Israel for financial reparations from FEDREP in connection with the conference at The Hague. This matter is complicated ~~because~~ ^{because} the conferees in London who are dealing with the pre-war obligations of Germany are equally intent on getting as large a settlement as possible.

~~He is~~ ^{He is} secondly interested in having Jimmy Riddleberger assigned to him at once, for a stay of about a month in order to supplement his staff during his present complex negotiations. General Hayes has just been transferred from his office to Austria, where he will replace General Red Irwin who has had a heart attack. Meanwhile, in Bonn, Chauncey Parker has also had a heart attack and must retire, so Jack is left ~~very~~ short-handed.

I discussed these requests with Messrs. Byroade and Lewis, and it looks as if we could get them attended to today.

I talked to Helen Kirkpatrick about certain public relations matters, and after lunch was briefed by Jack McFall regarding the activities of his office, which serves as a liaison between the Department and the Congress.

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